

Finance, Real Estate and Insurance

World of Finance

American Machinery For

Chilean Railway Shops.
The American Ambassador at Santiago, Chile, reports that a New York company has secured the contract for a complete equipment of machinery for the large railway shops that are to replace the various scattered old repair shops now in existence. The contract amounts to approximately \$750,000 United States currency.

Dividend of 100 Per Cent.

The Standard Oil Co., of Ohio is about to declare an extra dividend of \$8,500,000. According to the directors, who favor the distribution, it will take the form of 100 per cent. of new stock.

Dull in Stocks.

"We have done less business for our customers yesterday than for any day previous for the past eight weeks," said a member of a Stock Exchange firm with a large clientele of small investors and speculators. "The public simply won't take chances and you can't blame investors when you see how nervous about the floor traders themselves. It is not because they lack funds, for all of their accounts are well margined and they have more money on deposit than we have asked them for. Moreover, they are anxious to get back into the market, but they are too wise to at this stage of the game. They have been 'submerged' too often to take chances until they are sure of the ground. Once get this Mexican fuss and the submarine crisis out of the way and see what they do."

U. S. Steel.

Foreign liquidation in United States steel common stock since the beginning of the war has resulted in the sale of more than half the amount European investors held before the war began. On March 31 the common shares held in Europe were 634,493, compared with 1,286,636 two years earlier. In other words, Europe now holds only about 14-15 per cent. of the outstanding common stock against 25-1-4 per cent. in March 1914. In the same period, foreign holders sold about 16 per cent. of their preferred stock.

Stocks As Security.

In connection with the new French loan of \$100,000,000 it is proposed that France deposit with a designated institution or institutions the bonds of neutral financial accommodation may be extended to her. American corporation will then be formed to hold these securities and issue against them debentures, which will be offered to the public for subscription. France will then receive the proceeds of this financing. It is understood that the loan will mature in less than five years, and as it will be a secured loan, based on the securities issued by an American company, it is expected that the government hopes to obtain even better terms than the English and French Governments secured in the Anglo-French loan. While France has fewer American securities to sell than

Great Britain, in order to raise needed funds from time to time she has many hundreds of millions in sterling and franc bonds and stocks of other nations.

The Russian Loan.

Negotiations for the \$100,000,000 Russian loan has been temporarily abandoned, but it is probable that the smaller loan to Russia of between \$30,000,000 and \$50,000,000 will soon be made. This will be at a higher interest rate than 6 per cent.

Dollars Still Roll In

February's record-breaking exports, according to the detail figures of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, Department of Commerce, included 15,000,000 bushels of wheat which brought \$20,144,000; 8,000,000 bushels of oats which netted \$4,280,000; 17,800,000 pounds of beef that sold for \$2,080,000; 63,589,000 pounds of bacon that brought \$8,600,000; 24,500,000 pounds of ham and shoulders that sold for \$2,800,000; 41,200,000 pounds of lard that netted \$4,590,000; 57,850,000 gallons of illuminating oil that brought \$3,800,000, etc.

Merely the largest items are named. These particular figures deal only with exports of breadstuffs, meats, dairy products, cotton, oils and so on, excluding manufactured articles. In total the value of exports in February was \$38,800,000; of meat and dairy products, \$25,500,000; cotton, \$46,700,000; and of mineral oils \$12,000,000.

Prosperity Boosts Farm Values.

The effect of the present prosperity of the country upon farm values is shown by new figures issued by the Department of Agriculture. The value of farm lands in the United States today, without improvements, is estimated at \$45.55 per acre, as compared with \$40.35 a year ago, \$40.31 two years ago, \$38.10 three years ago and \$36.53 four years ago. As the property values of the United States put the average value of farm land in 1910 at \$32.40, an acre. Increases have been general throughout the United States, the only noteworthy exceptions being orchard lands and some arable lands in the northwest, which apparently had been over-valued before. The percentage increases in value of farm lands in the past year by sections of the United States are: North Atlantic States, 10 per cent.; eastern part of North Central States, 9 per cent.; western part of North Central States, 12 per cent.; South Atlantic States, 13 per cent.; South Central States, 11 per cent.; Far Western States, 11 per cent.; entire United States, 11.5 per cent. The percentage increases in farm land values in four years, that is since 1912, are: North Atlantic States, 17 per cent.; eastern part of North Central States, 20 per cent.; western part of North Central States, 28 per cent.; South Atlantic States, 23 per cent.; South Central States, 25 per cent.; Far Western States, 24 per cent.; entire United States 25.7 per cent. These estimates are based upon reports from crop reporters of the Bureau of Crop Estimates.

BUILDING NOTES

Building permits granted last night by the board of building commissioners represented a value of \$51,610. The board will meet tomorrow night instead of Friday. The permits of last night's meeting follow:

Private frame garage, east side of Norman street, for Edward Heany.
Private frame metal garage, south side of Ridge street, for Nicholas Howth.
Two family house, north side of North avenue, for Edward Cullen.
Frame temporary cottage, north side of Birmingham street, for A. Bleskey.
Rear frame balcony, west of North avenue, for Dr. E. B. Cullen.
Frame addition, south side of Sidney street, for Frank and Camilla De Felio.
To remodel one story frame building, east side of Lindley street, for F. Quaranta.
Frame porch, west side of Sanford avenue, for Harris Goldberg.
Collar wall to move studio, on east side of Laurel avenue, for M. Dohra Gros-Claude.
Front veranda on old building, corner Maple and Brooks streets.
Frame addition, 112 Paquonock street, for Mrs. D. B. Cullen.
Rear veranda, on north side of Willard street, for Michael Sinsko.
Frame addition, north side of Hazelwood avenue, for Mrs. Louise Roling.
Boat house, north end of Fayland street, for William Haviland.
One story brick under four family house, east side of Pembroke street, for Max Schwartz.
Three story steel and brick factory building addition, east side of Hancock avenue, for American Graphophone Co.

American Theatre on

East Main Street To

Be Greatly Enlarged

Enlargement of the American theatre in East Main street, at Jane street, at a cost of \$6,000 to afford a seating capacity of 1,500 persons is now proceeding. Plans have been drawn by architect A. C. Kelly. The addition will be of brick and steel, 18x50. It is said that the stage and dressing-rooms now within the theatre will be greatly enlarged with the possibility of producing vaudeville or dramatic shows. Bids have not been accepted by M. W. Leighton, the owner.

ISLAND BROOK PARK

IS OPENED BY THE

CASSIDY REALTY CO.

Situated midway between the North and East ends of the city, ten minutes from the business district, a few minutes from the trolley, and a few minutes from Bridgeport's largest manufacturing plants, is a new development called Island Brook Park.

New York Stock Exchange Quotations

Reported over the private wires of T. L. Watson & Co., Bankers and Brokers, Corner Main and John Sts., Bridgeport, Conn. Members of New York Stock Exchange.

April 19, 1:30 p. m.	
Allis Chalmers,	26 1/4
Am. Beet Sugar,	63 1/2
Am. Car & Fdy.,	62 1/2
Am. Can.,	56 1/2
Am. Can. Pfd.,	111 1/2
Am. Ice Securities,	27
Am. Locomotive,	69 1/2
Am. Smelt. & Re. Co.,	96 1/2
Am. Tel. & Tele.,	127 1/2
Alaska Gold,	19 1/2
Atch. T. & S. Fe.,	101 1/2
Anaconda Copper,	84
Baltimore & Ohio,	85
Bethlehem Steel,	42 1/2
Canadian Pacific,	166 1/2
Calif. Petroleum,	21 1/2
Gen. Leather Co.,	51 1/2
Chgo. Cop.,	92 1/2
Chl. M. & St. Paul,	92 1/2
Chl. & Great W. Pfd.,	33 1/2
Chino,	52 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio,	60
Consolidated Gas,	137 1/2
Col. Fuel & Iron,	42
Corn Products,	19
Cruicible Steel,	83 1/2
Distillers Securities,	45
Erie,	34 1/2
Erie 1st Pfd.,	50 1/2
General Electric,	165
Gt. Northern Pfd.,	119 1/2
Gt. Northern Ore.,	40 1/2
Illinois Central,	99 1/2
Inspiration Copper,	44 1/2
Interborough Met.,	10 1/2
Int. Mer. Marine,	72 1/2
Int. Mer. Marine Pr.,	24 1/2
Kansas City Sou.,	54 1/2
Kenn. Cop.,	70 1/2
Lack Steel,	76 1/2
Lehigh Valley,	78 1/2
Maxwell Motor,	100 1/2
Mex. Pet.,	37 1/2
Miami Copper,	10 1/2
Missouri Pacific,	10 1/2
Mtn. Kan. & Tex. Pfd.,	17 1/2
Nevada Cons.,	64
National Lead Co.,	121 1/2
Norfolk & Western,	111
Northern Pacific,	62 1/2
N. Y. Cent. & H.,	27
N. Y. Ont. & West.,	10 1/2
Pennsylvania,	56 1/2
Pressed Steel Car,	48
Ray Cons.,	22 1/2
Reading,	84 1/2
Repub. Iron & Steel,	17
Rock Island Co.,	36 1/2
Ry. Steel Springs,	95 1/2
Southern Pacific,	19 1/2
Southern Railway Pfd.,	34 1/2
Tenn. Copper,	48 1/2
Texas Pacific,	130 1/2
Union Pacific,	52
U. S. Rubber,	82 1/2
Utah Copper,	70 1/2
Virginia Car Chem.,	41 1/2
Wabash,	14 1/2
Wabash Pfd. A.,	25 1/2
Wabash Pfd. B.,	29 1/2
Westinghouse Electric,	60 1/2
Western Maryland,	30

FOREIGN CRISIS CAUSES STOCKS TO TAKE TUMBLE

New York, April 19.—The President's decision to submit the German situation to Congress came as a great surprise to the financial district and commission houses with wire connections to important centers were almost overwhelmed with liquidating orders.

Greatest excitement prevailed on the exchange and many speculative holdings were abruptly closed out. Soon after the opening Bethlehem Steel broke 19 points to 42 1/2. Apprehension increased when it became known that the note to Berlin was already on its way.

Anglo-French bonds were unloaded in blocks of 100,000 and 200,000. Sales of the first hour approximated 300,000 shares, the largest output for that period in many weeks. Heavy selling of the general list was another impressive feature.

St. Paul's Choir To Sing "Crucifixion"

(Special to the Farmer.)
Faidfield, April 19.—The choir of St. Paul's church will present Spainer's cantata "The Crucifixion" Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock. The choir will be assisted by Frank M. Kelley, tenor of the Center street church; Hartford, Charles C. Carroll, baritone, of Wallingford; and Robert Bingham, bass of Yale university. Harry H. Whitaker of Park street Congregational church, Bridgeport, will preside at the organ.

Mimeograph License Causes U. S. Action Under Clayton Law

Washington April 19.—The federal trade commission issued a formal complaint today against the A. B. Dick company, of Chicago, and the Neostyle company, of New York, an allied concern, manufacturers of mimeographing machines and supplies, charging the companies with violating the Clayton act in attaching license restrictions to mimeographing machines.

J. F. BRADY ILL.

John F. Brady is ill at his home, 45 Wheeler avenue. He suffers acute indigestion.

For allowing passengers to ride on the door of his jitney car Paul Violette, a jitney, was fined \$3 by Judge Wilder in city court today. This was the second time Violette was arrested on the same charge.

FINANCIAL

Investments Safe and Unsafe

Too many people jump at a chance to make what looks like a good investment, without fully understanding what they are doing. Before you make any investments, it will be well to consult with some one who is in close touch with financial affairs.

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"YOU KNOW ME AL", PRISONER TELLS DELANEY

"I Know You Well," Says Prosecutor and Slattery Goes to Jail.

Howard "Toots" Slattery, local semi-professional baseball player, was sentenced this morning to three months in the county jail when arraigned before Judge Frank L. Wilder on a charge of non-support.

A warrant was drawn for the arrest of Slattery last August. He left Bridgeport and worked in New York during the winter. Slattery returned to this city last night and was to join a semi-professional baseball team in this city Sunday.

Mrs. Slattery learned of the return of her husband and "Toots" was arrested last night. In city court today he said that he had been unable to get along with his wife and that they were always fighting. He told the court that she went to dances and returned home at 2 and 3 o'clock in the morning. The pair argued one night and Slattery said that his wife ordered him out of the house, saying that she could get along without his earnings. He is the father of three children.

Prosecutor DeLaney reminded Slattery that he was arraigned in city court on a similar charge in 1912 when a jail sentence of 30 days was suspended. He was again before the city court on a non-support charge in 1914 at which time he was placed on probation for one year.

Slattery promised to behave this time and said to the prosecutor: "No kidding, Al. If you'll give me another chance I'll be on the level. You know me, Al."

Prosecutor DeLaney said he knew "Toots" very well and he recommended a jail sentence. Judge Frank L. Wilder sentenced Slattery to the county jail for three months. Should he be able to give his wife \$6 a week he will be released under a bond of \$200.

Hughes Topples Ford in Nebraska Primary

Omaha, Neb., April 19.—With returns from only 100 of the 1,800 precincts in the state available early today, the balloting in yesterday's state-wide primary indicated the following nominations: President—Republican, Charles E. Hughes; Democratic, Woodrow Wilson (unopposed).

U. S. Senator—Republican, John L. Kennedy; Democratic, Gilbert M. Hitchcock.

National Committeeman—Republican, R. B. Howell; Democrat, James C. Dahman.

State, was a candidate for delegate-at-large to the Democratic convention. Henry Ford, of Detroit, a candidate for the Republican Presidential nomination, ran ahead of all opponents in Omaha, but the small town and country precincts piled up a majority for Hughes.

POLITICAL NOTICES

MONROE

Warning is hereby given to the Democratic Electors of the Town of Monroe that a caucus will be held at the Town Hall in said Town of Monroe, Friday, April 28th, 1916, at 8 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of appointing two delegates to attend the State Convention to be held in the City of New Haven on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 2nd and 3rd, 1916. The purpose of said State Convention is to elect fourteen delegates, and fourteen alternates to the Democratic National Convention.

Dated at Monroe this 13th day of April, 1916.

Per Order of Town Committee.

F. W. Wheeler, Chairman.

ADDITIONAL CAPITAL

REQUIRED BY LOCAL MANUFACTURER
A local manufacturing enterprise is placing 1,000 shares of its capital stock for sale at par. The books will be open for subscription to May 1st. Write for particulars.

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Special terms for parties of four or more friends.

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT,

DISTRICT OF BRIDGEPORT, ss.

PROBATE COURT.

April 15, 1916.

Estate of Charles H. Dorsey, late of Bridgeport in said district, deceased.

Upon application praying—that administration be granted on said estate to the undersigned, as per said application on file more fully appears, It is

Ordered that said application be heard and determined at the Probate Office in Bridgeport in said district, on the 24th day of April, A. D., 1916, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon; and that notice thereof be given to all persons known to be interested in said estate to appear, if they see cause, at said time and place, and be heard thereon—by publishing three times in some newspaper having circulation in said district—a copy of this order, all at least 5 days before said day of hearing, and that return of notice given be made to this court.

Attest,

PAUL L. MILLER,

Judge.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT,

DISTRICT OF BRIDGEPORT, ss.

PROBATE COURT.

March 31, 1916.

Estate of John Donough, late of the town of Bridgeport in said district deceased.

The Court of Probate for the District of Bridgeport, hath limited and allowed six months from the date hereof for Creditors of said Estate to exhibit their claims for settlement. Those who neglect to present their accounts, properly attested, within said time, will be barred a recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment to

HENRY P. LYONS,

Administrator.

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TAXES, 1915

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of the City of Bridgeport that the taxes on the grand list of 1915 are now due and payable at the Tax Collector's Office, Room 6, City Hall. The undersigned will act as the Collector's Office, as above, on May 1, 1916, and daily thereafter, Sunday excepted, from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m., and Saturdays from 9 a. m. to 12 m., for the purpose of collecting the taxes. If, on June 1, as required by law, interest at the rate of three-quarters of one per cent. will be added to all unpaid taxes, and the same on the first of each succeeding month.

HOWARD F. SMITH,

Collector.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT,

DISTRICT OF BRIDGEPORT, ss.

PROBATE COURT.

April 2, 1916.

Estate of Eugene Birmingham, late of the town of Bridgeport in said district deceased.

The Court of Probate for the District of Bridgeport, hath limited and allowed six months from the date hereof for Creditors of said Estate to exhibit their claims for settlement. Those who neglect to present their accounts, properly attested, within said time, will be barred a recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment to

MARY E. BIRMINGHAM,

Executrix.

135 Washington Avenue. U 17 a*p

STATE OF CONNECTICUT,

DISTRICT OF BRIDGEPORT, ss.

PROBATE COURT.

April 12, 1916.

Estate of Regina Boettger, late of the town of Bridgeport in said district deceased.

The Court of Probate for the District of Bridgeport, hath limited and allowed six months from the date hereof for Creditors of said Estate to exhibit their claims for settlement. Those who neglect to present their accounts, properly attested, within said time, will be barred a recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment to

JOHN GEORGE BOETTGER,

Administrator.

116 Bassick Ave., Bridgeport, Conn. a*p

STATE OF CONNECTICUT,

DISTRICT OF BRIDGEPORT, ss.

PROBATE COURT.

March 20, 1916.

Estate of Mary Lane late of the town of Bridgeport in said district deceased.

The Court of Probate for the District of Bridgeport, hath limited and allowed six months from the date hereof for Creditors of said Estate to exhibit their claims for settlement. Those who neglect to present their accounts, properly attested, within said time, will be barred a recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment to

THOMAS M. CULLINAN,